

THE SPECTATOR

If Council Works for Glory Its Glory Should Be Great

A four-page letter of excellent content has come along from a well-posted resident and the purport of it is that Council should be regarded only as a legislative and administrative body and that all of its time is needed for such duties. It is also pointed out that over and above the regular meetings, many extra hours are necessary for municipal chores of which "the citizenry knows little or nothing" and all of it on a gratuitous basis.

That those elected to Council serve without cash-emolument is, of course, well-known, but the fact of itself must not be allowed to preclude comment or suggestion, as the standards of voluntary stewardship are of a far different and more advanced sort than is the case when men are doing something for price. Also it is at least the American theory that all those who serve the people in the top posts of public life should accept such tasks at a loss to themselves, as the stipends which they receive are deliberately fixed on a basis which is meager compared to what their value is supposed to be in the open market. Proof of this lies in what the Nation pays its diplomatic agents, its Cabinet members, members of both Houses of Congress, etc. Inevitably, as a result of politics, some are paid a great deal more than they are worth, to the disadvantage of the people, but none is supposed to get more than his mere living and that only because he has been deprived of the opportunity of earning it in a private capacity.

Paul Hoffman will receive \$25,000 gross for disbursing the billions of the ERP, or about a quarter of what he got in the job he had to quit, and what are the present net

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Joyce Lowmes Has Narrow Escape As Revolution Flares in Bogota

Editors Note: The following eye-witness account of the riots in Bogota, Colombia, was received here yesterday from Joyce P. Lowmes, daughter of former magistrate Walter B. Lowmes and Mrs. Lowmes, of Ardmore. Miss Lowmes, who has been working in Bogota for the past several months, has been acting as special correspondent for this newspaper during the Ninth Pan-American Conference.

by Joyce P. Lowmes

Saturday, April 10, 1948.

The story I have to write is not a pleasant one. It is a story of revolution, burning and sacking. I have seen bombed and completely devastated areas in the Philippines and in Japan, and the center of Bogota looks like some of those areas.

Perhaps I should start at the beginning. Yesterday a friend and I were scheduled to move to another apartment. As I had an invitation to attend a large party given by the President of Colombia that evening, we decided to move at noon. What luck that we made that decision, because our old living quarters were in the very middle of the burn-

ing and sacking. We learned today that our friends in the pension were evacuated at 2:30 in the morning, carrying only a few of their possessions.

It was while we were eating lunch in a restaurant after moving all our belongings, (except my friends fur coat which she will never see again) that we heard the news that Gaitan had been assassinated. As you know, Gaitan was the leader of one branch of the Liberal party and tremendously popular with the masses of people. He immediately became a martyr. The liberals demanded that conservative president Ospina Perez resign and a liberal be made president. The majority of Colombians are Liberals, but before the last election the Liberals split into two parts so that the Conservatives got into power. This country has been on the verge of a revolution ever since the elections. However, only such outright acts as the assassination of the idol of the people, Gaitan could have caused a revolution during the Pan-American Conference.

Many thinking people believe that it was the Communist Party who had Gaitan assassinated. The

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Inter-School Exchange Will Study 'Matters of Mutual Concern'

The Lower Merion Township Inter-School Exchange recently appointed a committee to make suggestions to the school board's public relations committee in line with future "matters of mutual concern to parents and schools."

The action was taken when representatives of the member parent groups of the exchange met with James Henderson, chairman of the public relations committee, to discuss methods of punishment in township schools.

Attending the meeting were members of parent groups of the Bala, Cynwyd, Merion Square, Penn Wynne and Wynnewood Elementary and Bala-Cynwyd Junior High schools.

The meeting was called because of an investigation of disciplinary methods in the schools, which at the time was being conducted by Henderson and his committee at the instigation of a number of township parents.

His committee has since pre-

sented a report, approved last week by school directors, expressing approval of the punitive methods being used by township principals and teachers.

At their recent meeting, the parents pointed out to Henderson that in their opinion teaching should be kept on as high a level as possible, and that any school resorting to corporal punishment, or the threat of it, was not of the highest caliber.

They also told Henderson they had decided that "in order to facilitate the work of the school board, public relations committee, no pressure should be applied on the committee other than to interpret to its members as adequately as possible the consensus of opinion throughout the township."

The committee, appointed by exchange chairman, Mrs. Robert Pearce, to relay suggestions from Henderson and his committee at the instigation of a number of township parents.

THE COLLEGE WHIRL

Dear Dotie,
Time out from the flurry of preparation for the big Derby Day festivities Saturday to get you caught up on some of the news of the kids from Narberth off at college.

Honors galore for the localities at Penn. Betty Hopkins has just been elected sports editor of the Pennsylvania News, the women's undergraduate weekly newspaper at the University. And Marie Pollock has been chosen as secretary of the Pan-Hellenic Association, the women's interfraternity council, for the next college year. Betty and Marie are both Lower Merion High School graduates, and as I recall, Marie was a member of the National Honor Society, the student council, and president of the Girls' Hi-Y when she was at L.M. She's a junior in the College of Liberal Arts for Women, a member of the Tri-Delt sorority (I steadfastly refuse to call a sorority a "fraternity," as they do so confusingly at Penn), and she was chairman of the recent Pan-Hel dance.

Patricia Cooke, a senior at Bucknell, is one of the 324 students there to make an 85 average last term, and as a result to be named to the Dean's List. And Edward W. Mueller has been cited by the superintendent of Staunton Military Academy for high academic standing.

Speaking of Bucknell, Henry Frazar, Jr., was its representative at the Intercollegiate Conference on

Government in Philly recently. More than 50 Pennsylvania colleges were represented at the convention, where the students discussed and proposed what they thought would be a good national platform for the coming presidential election.

John Hank is a sophomore at Bucknell, and a member of Phi Lambda Theta fraternity. Jane Evans wrote me a long letter about what sounds like a very interesting project in which she and 20 other students at Colby Junior College have been taking part. The social studies department at Colby is working on a year-long regional survey of Vermont, Montreal, with a series of ecological studies of people's adaptation to environment. The 21 girls spent a week traveling through the area, studying the relationships of English and French residents of Montreal, and in Vermont concentrating on the revival of the crafts under the sponsorship of the state Department of Education. Only seniors who had had at least three courses in the social studies department, or juniors who had had two courses, were eligible to participate in the survey. Jane says that the tour was lots of fun, quite interesting, and very instructive too.

I'm all in favor of spring. The weather is so nice that not even the faculty or administration take college seriously. Love,

BOB.

Uneventful Primary Draws Only 25 P.C. of GOP; Heavy Write-In Vote for Stassen Is Feature

Plan Memorial Day Observance Here

American Legion Sponsors Parade And Services

Rollins Heads Committee; Several Groups Will Enter Floats

Preliminary plans for Narberth's annual Memorial Day services and parade were announced this week by the Harold D. Speakman Post of the American Legion, which traditionally sponsors the observance.

Chairman of the committee making the arrangements is Reginald Rollins, a past commander of the post. He is assisted by Philip Capalonga, who heads the parade committee; Warren O'Sullivan and James McCutcheon.

The parade will assemble at 9 A. M. on May 31 at the Community Building on Windsor Ave. and will follow a route which will take the marchers through most of the Borough.

At 11 A. M., the parade will end at the Memorial Marker at Windsor and Wynnewood Aves., where services will be held.

Among the organizations which have already signified their intention to enter floats in the parade are the Narberth Fire Company, the Narberth Business Council, the Italian-American Club and the Lower Merion Rod and Gun Club.

On Sunday, May 30, a special Memorial Day service will be held at the Narberth Presbyterian Church at 11 A. M., when members of the Speakman Post will attend in a body. On the preceding Saturday, the Legionnaires will follow their annual custom of decorating the graves of war veterans in nearby cemeteries.

L-M Zoning Bd. Grants 6 Requests

The Lower Merion Township Board of Zoning Adjustment last Thursday night granted six requests for zoning variances and exceptions made by residents of Narberth, Bala, Ardmore and Bryn Mawr.

Mrs. P. Brooke Bland was granted permission to construct a single-family dwelling and attached garage at 46 Llanberis Rd., Bala, with a front yard depth of 32.5 feet instead of the required 40 feet. The property is in an R-2 residence district.

Ernest A. Barr's request was approved to construct a porch enclosure to his home at 129 Simpson Rd., Ardmore, which would decrease the front yard depth from the required 20 feet to 16.6 feet, the property is in an R-6 residence district.

An appeal by Pasquale Cicconi to make alterations and additions to his dwelling at 234 Chestnut Ave., Ardmore, was granted. His request was for a variance of the front yard depth from the required 10 feet to 7.95 feet. The property is zoned C-1 commercial.

Also granted was Mrs. Mary S. Fuchs' request to alter the greenhouse at 112 Kennedy Lane, Bryn Mawr, into a single-family dwelling, and to erect a single-car detached garage, and in so doing to decrease the rear yard depth from the required 40 feet to 13.5 feet. The property is zoned R-2 residence.

E. J. Alahverdi's appeal to construct alterations and additions to his semi-detached dwellings at 110 and 112 Sibley Ave., Ardmore, was granted providing he confined the use of the first floors to business offices. The property is zoned R-6 residence and C-2 commercial.

Permission was granted to R. H. Snyder, Jr., to construct an enclosure to a second-floor porch at his home at 405 Penn Rd., Ardmore, thus decreasing the front yard depth from the required 40 feet to 23 feet. The property is zoned R-2 residence.

Bids Opened for School Lighting System

Narberth School directors last Thursday night opened bids for an emergency school lighting system and for instruction supplies.

Due to a wide discrepancy in the bids, the awarding of contracts was referred to the supply committee for further study. The committee was authorized to compare the bids and award the contracts to the lowest reputable bidder.

A tentative 1948 budget of \$149,500, approved by the school directors April 8, along with a four-mill tax reduction and a \$5 per capita tax, will come up for adoption at the May 13 board meeting.

HEALTH REPORT

There were 12 new cases of measles, nine of mumps, two of scarlet fever and one of whooping cough in Lower Merion Township last week according to Robert J. Thomas, Health Officer.

Rotarians Attend Conference



A delegation from the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club and their wives attended the 179th District Conference of the Rotary International, at Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, recently. Left to right are Fred E. Caballero, Chairman of the "On to Atlantic City Committee"; Wallace R. Smiles, President of the local Rotary; Mrs. Wallace R. Smiles, Mrs. Luke Rhodes, Mrs. Fred E. Caballero and Luke Rhodes, of Cynwyd.

—Photo by Central Studios, Atlantic City

Council Admits New Businesses

Narberth Group Met Monday

Two new businesses in Narberth were admitted to membership in the Narberth Business Council at a meeting of the group held Monday night in the Arcadia Chios Restaurant.

They are the Main Line Gyro-dancing Saloon, Haverford and Narberth Aves., and Cele's Millinery Shop, Haverford Ave.

Roger Burke, president of the group, stated this week that the Council will enter a float in the Borough Memorial Day parade, and appointed a committee of Richard Gillis, Charles Sauerbrey, Joseph O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Bernheimer to complete details.

Burke also appointed John Miller and Bernheimer to attend the Main Line Chamber of Commerce meeting held Wednesday and Sauerbrey and Gillis to attend the Borough Council meeting on May 10.

To Mark Offering Founding in B-C

St. John's Church, Levering Mill Rd., Bala-Cynwyd, will observe the seventy-first anniversary of the founding of the Mite Box Offering this evening in the Parish Hall, at 8 P. M.

St. John's Church held its first service in the old wooden church on the same property, August 6, 1863. This day was declared as a day of national thanksgiving by Abraham Lincoln in gratitude for the victory of the Union Army in the battle of Gettysburg fought the preceding year.

The consecration sermon was preached October 20, 1863, by Phillips Brooks, then rector of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, and later Bishop of Massachusetts.

The church school came into existence a few years later. The old church school building was built in 1871. John Marston was the first superintendent and in 1877 founded the Lenten Mite Box Offering which has spread through the entire church at home and abroad.

At the Mite Box party tonight a portrait of John Marston and three pictures of a church school picnic held August 29, 1872, the gifts of Mrs. William Walter Faries, will be dedicated.

Mrs. Faries, the former Caroline Reichner, of Bala-Cynwyd, was a student at the school in its earliest days, as was her cousin, Mrs. Samuel Sturgis.

Mrs. Faries and Mrs. Sturgis, both in their ninety-first year, will be the guests of honor.

Narberth Woman Hurt As Car Overtakes in Crash

Mrs. Mary H. Merkel, of Windsor Ave., Narberth, was injured Saturday afternoon when her automobile overturned after colliding with a Yellow cab at Allegheny Ave. and 15th St., Philadelphia. She and her son, Edward, 13, who was uninjured, were able to crawl out of the car, which was propped up by an open door.

Mrs. Merkel was treated at Temple University Hospital for a possible fractured foot. The cab driver, Andrew Gergely, 40, of Philadelphia, was unhurt.

CADET HONORED

George L. Compton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace N. Compton, of 622 Bryn Mawr Ave., Penn Valley, received two honors this week at Valley Forge Military Academy. Compton, a second year cadet, was appointed a sergeant in the cadet corps and was named business manager of Crossed Sabres, the Academy's yearbook publication.



Mullin Appointed To Fire Post

To Replace Titlow As Assistant Marshal

James W. Mullin, 116 Elm Ave., Ardmore, was appointed Assistant Fire Marshal of Lower Merion Township, at the Commissioners' meeting Wednesday. Mullin is Fire Chief of the Merion Fire Company of Ardmore.

He will succeed William B. Titlow, Jr., who resigned last month. The new Assistant Fire Marshal has held the post of Fire Chief with the Merion outfit for 20 years, and has been a member of the volunteer organization for 23 years.

A foreman at the Autocar Company of Ardmore for nine years, he lives at home with his wife and two sons, James, Jr., and John. Included in the list of his hobbies are politics, golf, sports and . . . as Mr. Mullin reports it . . . fires, fires and more fires. He will resign his post at Autocar on May 1 to take on his duties with the Township.

Name Officers For Study Group

New officers of the Cynwyd Parent Study Group were announced this week following a meeting held recently at the home of Mrs. Francis Lukens, 34 W. Levering Mill Rd., Cynwyd.

Dr. Ashley Montagu, of 526 Hamilton Rd., Cynwyd, was elected president, and other new officers are:

Mrs. Lukens, vice-president; Mrs. W. L. F. Nardham, recording secretary; Mrs. Roger L. Stebbart, corresponding secretary, and James P. Grant, treasurer.

Committee chairmen, also elected at the meeting, are:

Ways and Means, Mrs. Miner Merrick and Mrs. James P. Grant; legislative, Mrs. Philip Willauer; historian, Mrs. Edward Martin; cafeteria, Mrs. Howard Martin; hospitality, Mrs. Samuel Armstrong; transportation, Mrs. Hyde W. Ballard; program, Mrs. York A. King, Jr.; room, Mrs. Wells H. Denney; Warren Benfield; playground, Mrs. Leslie Kindred; publicity, George Davies, Jr.; budget, Robert F. Brown; junior high school, Mrs. Ewing C. Justist; local press, Mrs. C. C. Dunlap; board of health, Mrs. J. Sherwin Brenneeman; representatives to interschool exchange, Mrs. Merrick, Mrs. King, and Mr. and Mrs. Kindred.

Cub Pack Inducts New Member Friday

The regular meeting of Cub Pack 212 of Narberth was held April 23 in the Narberth Public School.

The program included the induction of David Stevens as a member of the group, and a skit presented by members of the Pack.

Officials of the group stated this week that large quantity of newspapers and magazines had been collected by the boys. Proceeds from the sale of the collections will go into the Pack treasury.

Young Couple Robbed of \$2000

Silver, Clothing, Etc., Taken at Villanova

When the Gibson Bell Kennedys moved into their new home on Stony Creek Farm Rd., Villanova, Monday morning, they found that they had been preceded by burglars who had walked off with more than \$2000 worth of silver, clothing, and household furnishings.

The young couple had been living in an apartment over the garage at the home of Kennedy's grandfather, the Rev. Dr. Gibson Bell, at 529 Manor Rd., Wynnewood, since their marriage in November, 1946. Dr. Bell is pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church, Wynnewood.

On Saturday they moved most of their belongings, except for the furniture, into their new home. When they arrived with the moving vans Monday morning they found many of the packed boxes emptied.

The missing items include silver cigarette boxes, candlesticks and candy dishes, lamps, bed linen, an ice bucket, a portable radio, two brand new men's suits and eight dresses.

Entry was gained through an unlocked window on the first floor, according to Lower Merion Township police.

Drama Group To Stage Production

The honor of staging the first local production of "Lost at Sea" goes to the Main Line Playhouse, which will present the drama Saturday evening, May 15, in Lower Merion Senior High School Auditorium.

Committee chairmen for the production were announced this week. In charge of the House Committee will be Robert Peter, of Wynnewood. On his committee are Ralph Giles and Bert Simpson.

Miss Gordon Fernow, publicity chairman will work with the following committee: Miss Margaret Roberts, of Narberth; Miss Edith McGinley, of Upper Darby; Miss Betty Cody, of Narberth; Miss Isabel Jefferys, of Germantown, and Miss Helen Wengh, of Merion.

Other chairmen are Mary Gilpin, of Narberth, tickets; Mrs. Allen Beck, of Ardmore, properties; John Meagher, of Ardmore, programs; David Zoller, lighting; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKivvers, of Philadelphia, scenery.

Services Planned For George Blair

Funeral services for Corporal George H. Blair, USA, who died in action in Southern France August 18, 1944, will be held at 2 P. M. Saturday from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Blair, of 12 Bala Ave., Bala-Cynwyd. He was 25 at the time of his death.

Born in Philadelphia, Cpl. Blair had lived in Bala-Cynwyd from 1934 until he entered the Army in June, 1943. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Medal and the Bronze Star.

After his graduation from Lower Merion High School, he operated his own antique business from his parents' home.

Besides his parents he is survived by six brothers, Edwin P., Jr., of Girardville, Pa.; Harry, who is pitching for the Lexington (N. C.) Baseball Club of the Philadelphia Athletics; William, Branch, John E. and Wayne, all of Bala-Cynwyd; and three sisters, Mrs. Harmon Hand and Viola Blair, of Bala-Cynwyd, and Mrs. William E. Bailey, of Middleburg, Pa.

Megless Ousts Latch in Pencoyd; Pew, Cooke Named as Delegates

Narberth Voting Quiet; Christie Defeats Ryan to Retain E. Bryn Mawr Committee Post; Cadwalader Leads Ticket in L. M.

Approximately one-fourth of the registered Republicans in Lower Merion and Narberth cast their votes Tuesday for the unopposed GOP nominees in November's general election.

In one of the quietest primaries in the state, the highlights were a heavy write-in vote for presidential aspirant Harold Stassen, and two committee fights, one in East Bryn Mawr and one in the Pencoyd No. 1 district.

Get Furs, Jewels In Penn Valley Home Robbery

Thieves Get Mink Coat, Fox Jacket and Diamond Ring

Lower Merion detectives this week were investigating the theft of nearly \$11,000 worth of jewelry and furs from the home of Frank J. Morrissey, of Penn Valley.

The robbery took place between 1.30 P. M., Tuesday, when Morrissey, his wife and a niece, Evelyn Janson, who lives with them, left the house at 655 Montgomery School La., and 12.30 A. M., Wednesday. On their return they found both the porch door and the front door open, and the house ransacked.

First estimates set the loss at nearly \$30,000, but subsequently some of the jewelry thought lost was discovered in the house.

Still missing, however, were a new mink coat, valued at \$7500; a platinum fox jacket, valued at \$2800; a woman's gold wrist watch, valued at \$280; a woman's diamond ring, valued at \$600, and a strongbox which contained papers but no valuables.

Morrissey, who is president of the Whittemarsh Country Club, was a noted football player when he attended Boston College some years ago. He is now engaged in the textile industry as a manufacturer of cotton yarns.

The write-in campaign of David B. Crowther, Bryn Mawr, and Eugene B. Scheetz, Glenside, for election as delegates to the Republican national convention ended in failure as organization-endorsed candidates Joseph N. Pew, Jr., and Jay Cooke, swept in by a landslide. In Lower Merion Pew polled 6271 votes, and in Narberth 1048.

Cooke took 6269 from Lower Merion and 1045 from Narberth. Crowther took 28 in Lower Merion and 1 in Narberth, and Scheetz took 25 in Lower Merion and none in Narberth.

The write-in candidates had declared they entered the contest because they feared Pew and Cooke would not faithfully represent the wishes of the Republican party in choosing a presidential candidate. They went on record as favoring the selection of Robert Taft. Cooke heads the Pennsylvania Committee to elect Stassen, and Pew has made no announcement, but is understood to be committed to "favorite son" Senator Edward Martin, of Pennsylvania.

Leading the ticket in Lower Merion Township was Lambert E. Cadwalader, of Villanova, unopposed GOP candidate for re-election to state legislature. He polled 6337 votes.

Cadwalader got 1036 votes in Narberth. Frederick C. Peters, meanwhile, led the Narberth slate with a total of 1083 votes. Peters ran unopposed as candidate for the State Committee. Returns on his ballot were unavailable in Lower Merion.

Samuel K. McConnell, Jr., of Wynnewood, also running unopposed.

VFW Post Holds First Meeting

The first regular meeting of the Bala-Cynwyd Post, VFW, was held April 22 in the Union Fire Hall, Montgomery Ave., Bala-Cynwyd.

Installation of officers of the Post was conducted by Jacob J. Ruser, commander of the Montgomery County Council, VFW. The officers are:

Commander, Daniel J. Hickey; John Lawler, senior vice-commander; Edward Rose, junior vice-commander; Henry R. McLean, Jr., chaplain; Gilbert Thomas, quartermaster; Francis D. O'Connell, adjutant, and Thomas Poole, officer of the day.

Following his installation, Hickey stated:

"Besides dedicating itself to the high ideals and traditions of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, our Post plans to take its place among the civic organizations of Bala-Cynwyd and Merion, and lend its active support to the welfare and promotion of these communities."

Under the direction of Samuel Stillwell, of 167 Upland Terrace, the membership committee has planned a drive to recruit a minimum of 100 members during the coming year.

Former Assistant Pastor To Be Ordained

Reuel E. Johnson, former assistant pastor and member of the Narberth Presbyterian Church, will be ordained in the church Tuesday evening, May 4, at 8 P. M.

Guest speaker for the services will be the Rev. Andrew W. Blackwood, D.D., professor at Princeton Seminary. The Rev. John D. Lindsay, D.D., the Rev. Bryant M. Kirkland and the Rev. Robert J. Lamont will participate in the services. A reception for Mr. Johnson will follow the service.

Mr. Johnson will be guest preacher at the church May 23 during the absence of the Rev. Lamont, pastor of the church, who will serve as a delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., meeting to be held at that time in Seattle, Washington.

OUR TOWN IS ON SALE EACH WEEK AT THE FOLLOWING STORES:

Davis Store, 224 Haverford Ave., Narberth.
Granite Drug Store, Montgomery Ave., Narberth.
Narberth News, 238 Haverford Ave., Narberth.
Trainer's, 238 Woodbine Ave., Narberth.

New Presidential Timber? Charlie McCarthy Gets Narberth Write-In Vote

Narberth voters, exercising their prerogative to "write-in" candidates of their choice, had a field day at Tuesday's Primary. Not content with such candidates as Stassen, Dewey, Taft and Vandenberg, one citizen cast a vote for Charlie McCarthy—evidently under the assumption that here, indeed, was presidential timber.

In addition, they wrote in candidates of their choice wherever else in the ticket they chose. David Crowther was not only written in, at his request, as delegate to the national convention, but got a vote as alternate delegate, too. Russell E. Crawford got two votes for delegate; county committeemen written in were Arthur Cooke, 1 vote; George Gill, 1 vote; George Bailey, 2 votes.

Mrs. Mosteller (no first name) got a write-in vote as county committeewoman from the Second District. Sterling Chain, was named with the delegates-at-large to the national convention; Congressional candidates named were R. B. Reynolds, 1 vote, and Franklin Sheeder, 2 votes. Marion Scranton, unopposed as a delegate-at-large to the convention, also got a vote as alternate delegate-at-large, while Borough Councilman Robert M. Cameron got one vote for the state legislature. Katherine Trotter got a vote for the county committee, from the Third District, and John C. Roberts got a vote for the county committee, also from the Third District.

